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1. Soviet Union

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2. Soviet Union

Moscow says that Luna 11 is performing satisfactorily,

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3. South Vietnam

The Mekong River is flooding badly upstream in Laos. The floodwaters could reach the delta area in South Vietnam in a week or ten days and be a disruptive factor on election day.

4. South Vietnam

The decline in Saigon retail prices, which was interrupted by moderate increases early this month, has now resumed. US experts estimate that prices have risen only a relatively moderate fifteen percent since devaluation two months ago.

Also encouraging was the recent initiative by Minister of Economy Thanh who suggested that there be regular and frequent US - South Vietnamese meetings to review economic problems, policies, and plans.

5. India

Factionalism is growing in the ruling Congress Party. Several prominent Indian politicians are saying that Mrs. Gandhi will be forced to shuffle her cabinet this fall in order to broaden the support for her government.

6. West Germany

Erhard may ask for a reduction in future military offset payments when he comes to Washington next month.

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The chancellor may also propose sending larger numbers of his military personnel to the US for training, with the costs applied against the offset.

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1. Soviet Union

Luna 11, the Soviet lunar probe launched on Wednesday, appears to be in orbit and operating satisfactorily.

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Moscow's last lunar probe, Luna 10 launched in late March, was also placed in orbit around the moon. Luna 10 gathered scientific data on the moon's environment,

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2. North Vietnam

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3. South Vietnam

Ky is evidently considering further high-level personnel shifts within the military, but any announcement of the changes will apparently be postponed until after the elections in order to avoid disruptive political speculation.

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